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SUBJECT: THIRD SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE LETTER QUOTED BELOW IN PARA
2 TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM JOHN HANNAH, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. DR. HANNAH'S LETTER STRESSES
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE THIRD MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN MANILA JUNE 20-24, 1977 AND
URGES THE USG TO DESIGNATE A MINISTER TO REPRESENT THE U.S.
AT THE MANILA MEETING. HE ALSO SUGGESTS THE NEED FOR
CONTINUITY OF SOME DELEGATION MEMBERS AT MANILA AND AT THE WORLD
FOOD COUNCIL PREPARATORY MEETING TO BE HELD IN ROME MAY 9-13.
ORIGINAL LETTER HAS BEEN POUCHED TO WASHINGTON.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

UNDER SEPARATE COVER WE HAVE FORWARDED TO EACH MEMBER
GOVERNMENT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL A PRELIMINARY SET OF
DOCUMENTS FOR THE COUNCIL'S THIRD MINISTERIAL SESSION TO
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BE HELD IN MANILA JUNE 20 TO 24, 1977. THESE DOCUMENTS
WILL BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS
OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING TO BE HELD IN ROME MAY 9 TO 13.
COPIES HAVE ALSO BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IN
ROME.

WE URGE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT INDICATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

THE MINISTER OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WHO WILL BE DESIGNATED TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE MANILA MEETING SO THAT WE CAN FORWARD DIRECTLY TO HIM FOR HIS USE PRELIMINARY COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE AND OTHER RELEVANT MATERIAL.

THE MANILA MEETING OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IS IMPORTANT AND CRUCIAL AND IT IS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE THAT EVERY MEMBER COUNTRY OF THE COUNCIL BE REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING BY A MINISTER IN A POSITION TO SPEAK EFFECTIVELY FOR HIS GOVERNMENT.

WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SUMMARY WHICH APPEARS IN THE OPENING PARAGRAPHS OF EACH OF THE SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENTS WFC/36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 AND 42 AND THE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION THAT APPEAR IN THE CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS.

THE PREPARATORY MEETING WILL HOPEFULLY DEVOTE ITS ATTENTION TO REVIEWING ALL OF THIS MATERIAL AND TO DEVELOPING SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS SO THAT THE MINISTERS MAY CONCENTRATE THEIR ATTENTION ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS.

AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF WHY THIS THIRD SESSION IS IMPORTANT AND CRUCIAL I QUOTE THE LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE OPENING SUMMARY OF WFC/37 " INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF FOOD SECURITY":

"IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY THE UNIQUE CONDITIONS WHICH EXIST NOW AND EXERT ITS MAXIMUM INFLUENCE WITH GOVERNMENTS AND WITH INTERNATIONAL FORA TO CREATE A GRIZDOVE THIS YEAR WHICH
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WILL ENSURE AGAINST ANY REPETITIONS OF THE DISASTER OF 1972/74".

"RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION TO BRING THIS ABOUT ARE SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 26".

IN THE INTEREST OF ASSURING THAT YOUR MANILA DELEGATION IS ADEQUATELY BRIEFED ON THE DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS REACHED IN THE ROME PREPARATORY MEETING, YOU MAY WANT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF YOUR COUNTRY'S DELEGATION TO THE PREPARATORY MEETING TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE WHO WILL LEAD YOUR COUNTRY'S DELEGATION IN MANILA.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AT AN EARLY DATE WHO WILL REPRESENT YOUR GOVERNMENT AT THE MANILA MEETING. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY WISH TO SEND TO US.

YOURS SINCERELY,
JOHN A. HANNAH,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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